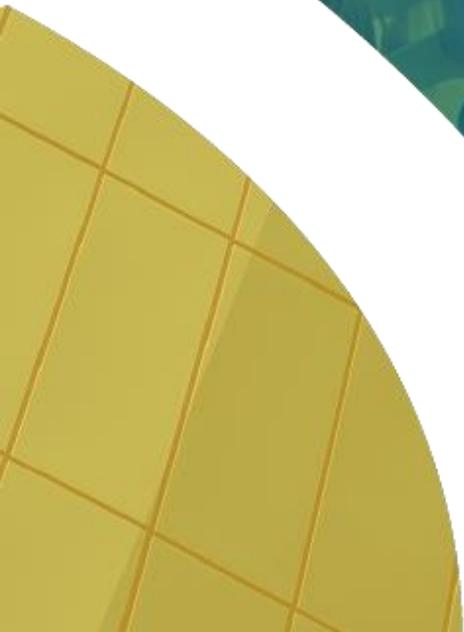


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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## 1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Alpine Space arena is becoming a leading destination for technology providers in the area of Smart Living, but is hindered by fragmentation in the research and innovation landscape, which prevents the transnational region from becoming the center of European excellence. CARE4TECH looks to bridge the gap in this fragmented landscape, by generating a coordinated approach to Smart Living technology development. CARE4TECH focuses on creating and maintaining strong ties between quadruple-helix actors; what this means in practice is creating structures that improve the communication and transparency between research institutions, businesses, government, and civil society as a whole. By improving these ties, the project aims to align policy development with real civil and market drivers.

## 1.2 MAIN PROJECT RESULTS ARE:

- Alpine Space KNOWLEDGE ATLAS - Map of leading cases and approaches classified in a Knowledge Atlas,
- Alpine Space ALLIANCES - Thematic excellences grouped to cooperate,
- Alpine Space TASK FORCES and ALPINE CAMPUS- Supported by quadruple helix based teams to jointly learn and innovate through a living lab based learning system and
- Alpine Space THINK TANK - Set up of a permanent policy and stakeholder's platform linked to EU initiatives to fully exploit outputs and their technological strategic potential.

## 1.3 WORK PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Work Package 1 (WPT1) is the first content step in CARE4TECH, and aims to create a common knowledge base (or KNOWLEDGE ATLAS) for all members of the project partnership and their stakeholders related to the topic of Smart Living. WPT1 characterized by data gathering and the generation of knowledge sharing structures. The creation of an impact controlling procedure is the fifth activity in this work package, and aims to assess the effectiveness of WPT1, generally preparing the whole project for continuous review. This is very important to ensure the transparency and sustainability of the project results.

## 1.4 IMPACT CONTROLLING SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The impact controlling system was prepared across two deliverables in Activity A.T1.5. The goal of the early stages of the impact controlling activities was to:

- 1) Identify peer reviewers among target group & stakeholders replicating the quadruple helix scheme;
- 2) Define and share distributed contributions & assessment procedures for deliverable
- 3) Define impact controlling system for AS Knowledge Atlas
- 4) Deliver a cooperation tool for distributed assessment and impact controlling among partners/peers and Alliances.

This system had the overarching role to move the project group from an 'echo chamber' to an environment where they could critically assess the impact the project group is having on reaching the project's goal, and specifically if the project outputs are manifesting themselves in their intended results.

## 1.5 IMPACT CONTROLLING RESULTS & DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

The qualitative and quantitative review measures for CARE4TECH in Work Package One have shown that impact has been made regarding the generation of connections and potential cooperation between Alpine Space quadruple-helix actors. Some of these connections have been established directly through interaction during the WPT1 activities, such as the peer review interview, the training session, intro-conferences and the policy maker interviews.

Cooperation potential, being a more theoretical concept, was attributed strongly to the core output of WPT1, the AS Knowledge Atlas. This tool, along with the associated support structures developed in WPT2 and WPT3 of the AS Task Force, the Living & Innovation Lab System, and the AS Alliance System, is deemed to have high potential of promoting cooperation between quadruple-helix actors.

Much of this impact will come to fruition during the implementation activities in WPT2 and WPT3, however it was very refreshing to already see new connection and potential cooperation being derived in structures that developed in WPT1.

Overall, Peer Reviewers contacted during these first two Periods of the project, see the benefit of CARE4TECH and its objectives, and are able to verbalise the new connection and potential cooperation that the structures of the project generate.